

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Method for loading a new application release of an application allowing to an earlier application release into a computer device in an ~~object-oriented~~ a programming language using objects and permitting, among others, ~~the~~ an introduction of additional classes, ~~the~~ a class hierarchy modification ~~of the class hierarchy~~ and the a definition of further fields and methods, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ said method comprising the steps of:

- computing, prior to that loading, a piece of information for matching the classes of ~~the~~ said earlier application release to the classes of the new application release;
- computing, prior to that loading, a piece of information for matching the static field identifiers of the earlier application release to the static field identifiers of the new application release;

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- linking said matching information to the new application release as loaded into the computer device;
- using said matching information to modify the objects so that they point at the classes of the new application release and they use the new static field identifiers of the new application release.

2. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said matching information are lookup tables.

3. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~Claims 1 and 2~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said matching information is omitted when these objects are not to be modified, for example, and in a non limiting way when no further class is added to the new application release or when the newly added classes do not change the class hierarchy.

4. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it includes comprising the~~ an implementation of procedures for updating the application data after the new application release has been installed.

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5. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~any~~
~~preceeding claim~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said
computer device is a chip card.

6. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~any~~
~~preceeding claim~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said
programming language is ~~the~~ a "Java Card" language.